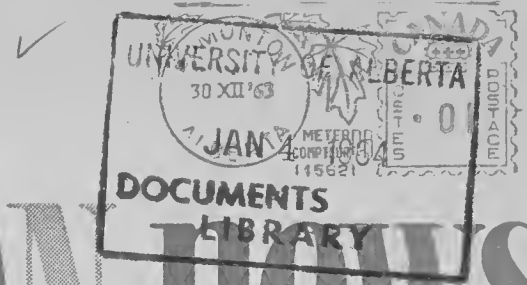


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THE LIBRARIES COLUMN

By E. T. WILSHIRE

The fifth Library Custodians' Course began on October 1st with a full complement of students. All parts of the Province are represented, and all the custodians enrolled are actively engaged in community and small municipal libraries. Tutors for the course this year are Miss I. Beveridge and Miss M. Williams, Calgary Public Library; Miss Norma Freifield, Rutherford Library, Edmonton; Miss Alma Webster, Edmonton School Library Service; and Mr. G. F. R. Dew, Parkland Regional Library.

The idea of public library service continues to spread. In October a new municipal library was established in the Village of Consort, and negotiations to promote libraries are under way in Fawcett, Jarvie, Rycroft and Wildwood.

The Town of Edson has had a community library for a number of years, but in November the people had the opportunity to vote on a change of status to a municipal library. The result was overwhelmingly in favor of the change; 93.5% of those voting expressed their approval.

Many of Alberta's libraries are in need of better premises, and steps are being taken to improve this situation in a few localities. Cardston Public Library celebrated Young Canada Book Week by officially opening a new wing to their building. The recent addition will be most welcome; the space available to the public has been nearly doubled and much of the congestion which has existed for

some years will be considerably relieved. The Mayor of Medicine Hat officiated at a sod-turning ceremony in the city on November 30. The new central library is expected to take eight months to build and it is hoped it will be open to the public by September 1st, 1964.

As a temporary measure, the Red Deer Public Library is to move to the new city hall and Wetaskiwin Public Library is to occupy a substantial portion of the new wing to be built on to their city hall. In the Village of Rycroft, although the library is not yet organized, ample accommodation for it is being provided in the new village office building.

A short list of books and pamphlets on libraries and librarianship was recently circulated to all small libraries, and the loans made to date show that custodians are anxious to learn more of the work in which they are engaged. It is expected that a list of addenda will be sent out early in the new year.

Forms which enable all libraries to apply for Provincial Government grants have been sent to all libraries and library board secretaries are reminded that they MUST be returned to the Supervisor's office on or before JANUARY 31st, 1964.

It would be appreciated if all librarians and custodians would give this important matter their attention as soon as possible in the new year, so that grant cheques will not be delayed.

IT'S BUDGET TIME! RECREATION BRANCH OFFERS A FEW TIPS

The recreation budget is the core of the system upon which the yearly operations must depend. The wise board, in co-operation with staff, will:

1. Plan the budget carefully, basing it upon actual needs.
2. Prepare the budget in such a way that the request for every penny in it can be justified and defended against any challenge.
3. Seek the opinions of groups with whom the board works in preparing it.
4. Orient or condition those who are responsible for approving or rejecting it prior to the time the budget is submitted.
5. Follow the budget closely and accurately, once it has been accepted and approved. Unfortunately, some boards and executives give attention to budget making and needs only a short time before the actual date the funds are going to be requested and needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (communication)

It is well known that recreation personnel meet and assist all interested groups over a period of time.

The Branch urges all Recreation Departments to make a concerted effort to develop better lines of communication. As budget time is rapidly approaching submit estimates now for:

1. An attractive concise outside sign for your office stating office hours, phone number, name and title.
2. Developing letterhead stationery.
3. Listing office phone number in local directory.
4. Developing an attractive brochure of services, facilities and location for local residents and visitors.

RECREATION FILMS AVAILABLE

Be sure to write in for a current list of 16mm films and film loops, now available on loan. Write to:

Recreation and Cultural
Development Branch,
Department of the Provincial
Secretary,
424 Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alta.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SKI HILL?

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is willing to provide technical advice to any community in Alberta on ski hills, tows, etc. All he asks is his expenses.

For further information, contact him at the above address.

ONE-ACT FESTIVAL WINNERS



Dr. Betty Mitchell presents the Best Production Award to Mrs. Joy Pritchard of Lethbridge, director of the award-winning play, "Fool's Errand", at the One-Act Play Festival, held recently in Banff.



The award for the Best Director went to Len Milne and Grahame Allen of Grande Prairie, for their presentation of "Johnny Dunn". Mrs. Elodia Christensen, past president of the Alberta Drama League, presents the award to Mr. Milne (left) and Mr. Allen.

THEATRE CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED BY WESTERN DRAMATISTS

Non-competitive drama festivals are the big hope for the drama festival movement according to opinions expressed at the first Western Canadian Community Theatre Conference held in Banff recently.

The Conference, sponsored by the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Provincial Government, brought some 85 persons together from Alberta and British Columbia for a weekend session of lectures, panel discussions, and general open sessions. It was the first such conference held in Western Canada and the enthusiastic response given to it indicates that such a conference has long been needed and may well become an annual event.

Too little communication among drama groups in the West was another conclusion reached by the Conference and possibility of exchanging top drama production among various communities in the West has been strengthened as a result of the meetings during the weekend.

Miss Myra Benson of Holiday Theatre, Vancouver, spoke on the success of Holiday Theatre, Canada's only professional theatre company to play specifically for children, and also headed the discussion on children's drama generally. Other topics included festivals, pro and con; present trends in community drama; and relationships between community theatre and professional theatre.

Among those attending the Conference were Anne Adamson, Drama Consultant, Department of Education, British Columbia; Bill Zoellner, president of the British Columbia Drama Association; Tom Kerr, who also adjudicated the Alberta One-Act Drama Final; Rod Ashburner, president of the Alberta Drama League; Dr. Betty Mitchell; and Drama Supervisor Jack McCreath.

The Conference was held at the same time at the Provincial One-Act Finals where the best production award went to Lethbridge, best actor award to John Nevette of Edmonton, best actress award to Gwen Brosz and best director award to Len Milne and Grahame Allan of Grande Prairie.

Your failures won't harm you if you don't start blaming them on the other guy.

C.A.H.P.E.R. ANNOUNCES NEW CENTRAL OFFICE TO SUPPLY PUBLICATIONS

The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (CAHPER) is pleased to announce the establishment of a central office at 168 Isabella Street in Toronto. This will enable the Association to extend its service in general; and to distribute professional publications of special interest to members and other interested individuals and organizations.

In addition to the excellent Elementary school teachers' manuals described, and the recording—Piano Accompaniment for Fundamental Movements—CAHPER has been granted the Canadian distribution rights for all publications produced and distributed by the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Foreign and Canadian publications of practical interest to our members will also be stocked at our head office.

All AAPHER publications are now available through this office; some are carried in stock. A complete list of AAPHER publications may be obtained from this office upon request.

For the information of non-members CAHPER is a voluntary, non-profit, professional organization dedicated to raising Canadian Health, Recreation and Physical Education standards. The Association is always pleased to co-operate with other organizations concerned with the total fitness of the Canadian people.

For publication list and order forms, write to:

Recreation and Cultural Development Branch,
Dept. of Provincial Secretary,
424 Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...



Mike Safiuk, of the Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department, who has been appointed Secretary of the Alberta Recreation Association.

Carol Lindscoog (RLS/61), on taking a position with the Y.W.C.A. in Australia.

Recreation Directors in the Peace River area for developing a general leadership course for all persons in a leader role. (George Baker, of Grande Prairie, is chairman.)

Joy Pritchard of Lethbridge (Olds '62, '63), director of the Best Production Award play, "Fool's Errand" at Banff.

Len Milne and **Grahame Allan**, of Grande Prairie, who won the Best Directors' award for their play "Johnny Dunn".

Gwen Brosz (Olds '63) for winning the Best Actress Award at Banff.

DRAMA FESTIVALS IN HIGH SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR '64

This spring for the first time in Alberta every area of the province will be holding High School Drama Festivals.

Some of these Festivals will be competitive, and some non-competitive, and there will be nine Festivals in all.

Three of the festivals will be held the weekend of March 13, in Zone 1 (Grande Prairie), Zone 3 (Edmonton South), and Zone 4 West (Red Deer). Zone 5 East (Drumheller) will be holding its festival on the weekend of March 20, Zone 5 West (Okotoks) the weekend of April 11, and Zone 2 (Edmonton North) in late April. Zone 4 East (Camrose), Zone 6 (Lethbridge), and Zone 7 (Medicine Hat) will be announcing their dates shortly.

The Drama Division is responsible for the organization of these festivals.

A SUPERVISOR OF ATHLETICS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

is required by the

**Recreation and Cultural Development Branch
Department of the Provincial Secretary**

DUTIES

To co-operate with schools, communities and organizations in the development of athletics and outdoor recreation programs in the province. Responsibilities will include the development and execution of projects under the Federal-Provincial agreement for fitness and amateur sport.

EDUCATION REQUIRED

A master's degree in Education, majoring in physical education; or a master's degree in physical education or recreation with teaching qualifications.

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of five years in teaching or recreation administration.

For further information and application forms, write:

**Mr. W. H. Kaasa, Director
Recreation and Cultural Development
424 Legislative Building
EDMONTON, Alberta.**

POINT OF VIEW . . .

*In his book "Governing Urban America" (McGraw-Hill), Charles R. Adrian discusses the plans of boards and commissions in local government and reports on a study of advisory and policy-making boards in Pennsylvania. The following findings were reported:

Boards "study complex problems to which the elected body cannot devote enough time."

They insulate the legislative body and executive from certain types of political pressures. Since the members are (usually) non-elective, they can more easily do things that are thought necessary and desirable but which, in the short run at least, might be politically unpopular.

They do not "take politics out of important areas" of government.

The effectiveness of the boards depends upon the quality of the members "and upon the advisory commission device itself."

They provide, especially at the local level, a great amount of staff work which, if paid for, would be very expensive. They, in other words, serve to socialize some of the cost of government.

Members perceive their jobs rather narrowly, tending to avoid performing a function about which they are in doubt. This is, they do not engage in "empire building."

Members often feel that they are not consulted frequently enough, that their advice is too frequently ignored, and that they are not informed of the disposition made of their recommendations.

For things requiring decisive action and, outside of the work done by boards of adjustments, civil service commissions, and planning commissions, the professional administrative staff of a department work more "efficiently" than can boards.

"Citizen boards and commissions can still offer effective and useful aid to officials and the community."

Recreation and park boards might well consider the extent to which the findings in the study are applicable to themselves.

*Article from National Recreation Association Magazine "RECREATION".

Dr. Hedley Dimock To Address Camp Directors' Banff Seminar On "Leadership Training" Theme

Camp Directors from all across Canada will be attending the 7th Annual Alberta Camp Directors' Seminar, to be held in Banff on February 5 to 8, 1964. The Seminar will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Camping Association, and will be sponsored by the Alberta Camping Association in co-operation with the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

The theme of the seminar, "Leadership Training", is designed to better equip delegates to train their camp staffs, but will be broad enough in its scope to be of value to all people in a leadership and leadership training capacity, and will not be limited to camping people.

Resource Leader for the seminar will be Dr. Hedley Dimock, chairman of the Applied Social Sciences Division of Sir George Williams University in Montreal, and formerly Co-ordinator of staff training and development at the Montreal Y.M.C.A. A consultant in the field of Leadership Training, Dr. Dimock will provide the theory in

(1) Goals in Leadership Training

- (2) Setting up a training plan or design
- (3) Selecting appropriate training techniques such as films, discussions, role playing, case studies, etc.
- (4) Evaluating training and re-planning.

Workshops and discussion groups will be held to assist delegates in applying the theory to their situations. Two of these, which will take place on Friday afternoon, are: "What Audio Visual Aids are available at the U. of A. and other Community Centres?" headed by Lionel Fournier, Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of Alberta; and, "Where do we Find Leaders in Alberta? —What Help Can the Government be in Training Leaders?" with Miss Elsie McFarland of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Development, Government of Alberta.

Special workshops will be held also on physical skills involved in camping, such as crafts, campcraft, nature lore, etc.

Persons desiring further information and registration forms should contact:

Mr. Jack Way,
712 - 5th Street S.E.,
Calgary, Alat.

DR. HEDLEY G. DIMOCK

Resource Leader for Alberta Camping
Seminar, February 5-8

Dr. Hedley Dimock was born in the United States and received his college education there. He obtained a Master's degree in Guidance and his Ed.D. degree in Group Psychology at Columbia University. In the middle Fifties Dr. Dimock served as Director of the Department of Group Guidance at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He has recently been co-ordinator for Staff Development and Training for the Montreal Y.M.C.A. and is now Chairman of the Department of Applied Sciences at Sir George Williams University in Montreal and also a part time lecturer there.

Dr. Dimock, son of the well known Hedley S. Dimock, has a wide experience in camping. He has served in many

capacities in the Taylor Staten Camps and is presently consultant for the Montreal Y.M.C.A. Camp, Kanawana.

He has written several books dealing with children in the hospital and his latest, "Group Development" is now in publication. In addition, Dr. Dimock has written many articles for national and professional magazines.

He is in constant demand for training projects, having acted as consultant for some twenty programs since 1960. Dr. Dimock has been involved in a number of research projects in recent years. Many of his reports are available, on subjects dealing mainly with prediction and evaluation of the growth of campers and staff.

In Memoriam

J. R. "REG" HOUGHTON

We have learned with regret of the passing in Calgary of a long time member of our Association—Reg. Houghton.

Reg. had been employed with the city of Calgary for 40 years. He took time out during the Second World War to serve his country as a Squadron Leader with the R.C.A.F. Returning to Calgary he took the post of Athletics Supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department, a position he held at the time of his death on November 18, 1963.

Reg. was at different times an executive member of the Alberta Recreation Association. Perhaps one of his most satisfying associations was with the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, of which he was Secretary-Treasurer and Registrar. His services with these and many other organizations will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Alberta Recreation Association we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Houghton and the family.

AN ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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BASIC DUTIES OF THIS POSITION:

1. To assist the Supervisor of Music in co-operating with school, community and other provincial officials in developing music programs in Alberta.
2. To assist the Supervisor of Music in the co-ordination of music leadership training programs and the development of music curricula.
3. To offer various music leadership training courses at regional and provincial levels.
4. To offer consultative service to school, community and other provincial officials in the music field.

EDUCATION REQUIRED:

Applicants must have Bachelor of Music with teacher certification; or Bachelor of Education with music major; or equivalent qualifications.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

A minimum of three years experience in teaching of music programs.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have an extensive knowledge of one orchestral or band instrument with a general knowledge of the remaining instruments in orchestra and band, plus personal characteristics which enable him to relate to people such as in public relations, public speaking, etc.

For further information and application forms, write:

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Edmonton, Alberta.**

MUSICAL COMEDY WORKSHOP TO BE ALBERTA'S FIRST

The first workshop in the province with a primary emphasis on musical comedy is scheduled for the Lethbridge region for the second weekend in February. The workshop will include lectures on the musical comedy approach to acting, speech, movement, organization, etc.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch and the Lethbridge Recreation Office. Staff and details will be announced shortly.

A workshop on acting and movement will be held on the first weekend in February in Medicine Hat for the Medicine Hat region.

A six-week speech workshop is being arranged for teachers in the Hanna region and this too will be in the nature of experiment. Mrs. Freda DeBronscoville, speech specialist, will act as lecturer-consultant, and in between her visits the teachers will work on a weekly basis on their own along the lines that her workshop classes indicate.

A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant woman interests him, a beautiful woman fascinates him, and sympathetic woman gets him.